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Season's Greetings!

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Both Public and Catholic Schools are closed for Winter Break. December 19 was the last day of classes for 2013 - and the week prior was filled with Holiday concerts, Christmas carolling, Santa hats, and fundraising, for a variety of causes. Above, the Primary Concert at Fieldcrest Elementary School on December 18 was a special occasion. As Fieldcrest Principal David Brownlee told parents, last year Fieldcrest was a "holding" school for Bradford's growth, with over 1000 students - and assemblies involving the whole school had to be held outside. Now that the Chris Hadfield Elementary School Community is accommodated in the old Bradford Public School building, Fieldcrest's numbers are back to normal, and assemblies and concerts can once again accommodate everyone - indoors! And that's a good thing, in winter.

Bradford on ice

Two winter storms swept through the GTA from Texas over the weekend, bringing a mix of snow, rain and freezing rain that created challenging driving conditions on local roads.

South Simcoe Police were kept busy responding to problems created by the treacherous conditions.

The first storm hit on Friday, December 20 - and police responded to 13 collisions on South Simcoe roads, all of them minor, with no major injuries reported.

But that was only a prelude, with Environment Canada warning of an even more severe ice storm on the way for Saturday night - a storm that contributed to a fatal collision on County Road 27, north of Schomberg.

Shortly after 5 p.m. on Dec. 21, South Simcoe Police, King Township Fire & Emergency Services and Paramedics were called to a two vehicle collision on 27. A farm tractor pulling two fully-loaded hay wagons lost control on the icy road and jack-knifed across the highway.

A southbound Volkswagen Jetta attempted to swerve out of the way, but was unable to avoid the wagons. The driver, a 77 year old woman, see ICE Page 16

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Incentives for Heritage preservation?

Bradford West Gwillimbury has the authority, under The Municipal Act and the Ontario Heritage Act, to write off some of the property tax levy for designated Heritage buildings.

The write-off is designed to provide an incentive, to ensure Heritage buildings are maintained and preserved.

A report to Council on December 3 noted that the Town is permitted to "offset" the property taxes of a heritage home by 10% to 40%, as long as the building has Heritage Designation, and there is a signed agreement with the owner, promising to maintain the site in good condition.

If a tax rebate program is implemented, both the Municipal and Provincial Education property taxes can be reduced by the agreed percentage. Whether or not the County levy is also reduced would be up to the County of Simcoe.

The report pointed out that Newmarket, Whitby, Kitchener, Kingston and Markham have all adopted Tax Relief by-laws for heritage

buildings.

Alternatively, the Town could look at providing grants or loans, covering up to 50% of the cost of enhancements to a heritage building, in partnership with the owner.

The report was referred

to the BWG Heritage Committee for review and a recommendation to Council, with the warning, "Any financial incentive programs launched by the Town for heritage preservation will have budgetary implications."

Ad Hoc Committee for Auld Kirk

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury will establish an Ad Hoc Auld Kirk Advisory Committee, to look at possible uses and activities at the historic church on the 6th Line, now owned by the Municipality.

The committee will also consider capital and operating cost requirements, and the potential for future interments at the Kirk's Pioneer Cemetery.

The committee will consist of a member of the Town's Heritage Committee; a member of the BWG Local History Association - which has raised funds to repair the roof of the church and employed ground-penetrating radar to identify the location of graves in the cemetery; representatives of Bradford United Church and St.

John's Presbyterian Church, and a member of Council.

On Dec. 3, Councillor Gary Lamb was appointed to the committee.

Mayor Doug White also suggested that local historian Bill Marks should be involved in deciding the future use of the Auld Kirk.

"I look forward to seeing what that decision is going to be," said White. "It's important to maintain this building."

Deputy Mayor Rob Keffer praised the History Association for their fundraising and commitment to ensuring - which has raised funds to repair the roof of the church and employed ground-penetrating radar to identify the location of graves in the cemetery; representatives of Bradford United Church and St.

The Town plans to retain a Heritage Architect and Structural Engineer to assess the physical state of the building.

Festive R.I.D.E. program continues

South Simcoe Police continue their festive R.I.D.E. campaign - and on Dec. 19, nabbed one drinking driver who had his two children, ages 9 and 12, in the vehicle.

Officers set up a R.I.D.E. check on Westmount Ave. in Innisfil, and at about 11:30 p.m., stopped a vehicle driven by a 46 year old Innisfil male. The officer noticed an odour of alcohol on the man's breath and administered a roadside screening test, which was impounded, and the Simcoe County Children's Aid Society was notified.

On December 19, at 1:30 p.m., a South Simcoe Police officer monitoring traffic on Sideroad 20 in Innisfil checked the licence plate of a

passing vehicle on his in-car computer - and discovered that the registered owner was suspended. The officer stopped the vehicle and confirmed that the driver had been suspended; a 34 year old Innisfil man was charged with Drive while Under Suspension. Court date Jan. 8.

A vehicle was stopped after it rolled through a stop sign on Big Bay Point Rd. in Innisfil, around 10 p.m. on Dec. 19. The officer detected a strong odour of alcohol on the driver's breath and demanded a roadside screening test - which registered a FAIL. The driver was arrested and transported to the Mobile Command Post, where an Intoxilizer test led to a charge of Over .080, a 90 day administrative driver's licence suspension, the impounding of his vehicle, and a Jan. 2 court date.

And on Dec. 21 at 1:07 a.m., a 23 year old Bradford man registered a WARN and received a 3-day suspension.

Collisions on local roads

Both drivers charged

Shortly after 5 p.m. on Dec. 18, a red Chevrolet Pick-up truck was eastbound on Innisfil Beach Road, and attempted to make a left turn, northbound onto 10 Sideroad.

At the same time a blue Toyota van was westbound on Innisfil Beach Rd., approaching the same intersection, and when the light turned yellow, speeded up to beat the traffic signal. Unfortunately, the Chev pick-up turned left in front of the van, resulting in a collision.

There were no injuries, but the driver of the pick-up truck, a 20 year old Innisfil man, was charged with Fail to Yield to Traffic under the Highway Traffic Act. The driver of the van, a 47 year old Barrie man, was charged with Amber Light - Fail to Stop, under the HTA.

Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is asked to contact South Simcoe

Police Constable Ian Fenik, 705-436-2141, ext. 1403 (North Division).

Impaired

At least one of the collisions that occurred on the weekend could not be wholly blamed on the weather and road conditions.

At 2:12 a.m. on Dec. 21, a South Simcoe Police officer on patrol came upon a vehicle in a ditch on Big Bay Point Rd. in Innisfil. The officer spoke with the driver, and detected signs of impairment. The man was arrested and returned to North Division for breath testing.

As a result, an 18 year old Innisfil man faces charges of Over .080. He received a 90 day driver's licence suspension, his vehicle was impounded for 7 days, and he was released on a promise to appear for court in the new year.

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Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White, right, and John Popple, president of the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers' Association (Ontario) present a certificate and Long Service medal, to Sharon Antonicucci at the Dec. 17 meeting of Council - recognizing her 20 years in By-law enforcement. Antonicucci, who has worked for the Town for 25 years, has now retired.

Welcoming the New Year

The Bradford Legion Branch 521, 115 Back St., hosts its **President's Levee** on Wednesday, January 1, 2014, at 1 p.m. Drop by for refreshments, and Season's Greetings from the Legion executive.

President's Levee at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd., Jan. 1 from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments, and a social afternoon.

Innisfil Mayor's Skate at the Innisfil Recreation Complex, Innisfil Beach Rd. and Yonge St. - 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 1. Free skating, and free swimming courtesy of the YMCA.

The Lefroy-Belle Ewart Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, on Robinson St. in Belle Ewart, Innisfil, hosts a **President's Levee** on Jan. 1, from 2 to 4 p.m. All welcome to drop in.

Julia Munro, MPP for York-Simcoe invites residents, friends, family and neighbours to a **New Year's Levee** at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford, on Sunday, January 5, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Bradford Born Artists host fundraiser

It was billed as an evening of music, dance and art - and a fundraiser for Joey Mazzucco's Fedora Foundation.

Joey Mazzucco was only 7 when he was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma, a rare bone cancer.

He spent a year at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, undergoing a transplant, and rounds of treatment, pain, and trauma.

He lost his hair due to the chemotherapy - but donned the "cool" fedora that was to become his trademark.

In remission and back at school, Joey couldn't stop thinking about other children still in hospital, fighting illness - and boredom. He wanted to help, and remembered how the gift of an iPad had helped him pass the time.

He launched "Joey's Fedora Foundation" (www.joeysfedorafoundation.com) to raise the funds to purchase iPads for kids with cancer.

On December 20, local arts group, Bradford Born Artists held a special Holiday Show at the

Bradford Community Centre, and earmarked the proceeds for Joey's Foundation.

There were door prizes, displays of visual arts and photography, a Silent Auction, and live music by talented local youth. Frankie "Flowers" Ferragine was once for an evening that, despite the weather, drew over 100 guests of all ages.

Ferragine had a personal reason for getting involved in the fundraiser: In 1988, his younger brother Anthony passed away from Ewing's Sarcoma.



At left, Frankie "Flowers" Ferragine and Joey Mazzucco, at the Bradford Born Artists' Holiday Show on December 20, a fundraiser for Joey's Fedora Foundation. Photo by Miriam Knapik. Above, Joey and brother Desi sing Felix Navidad.

Photo by Paul Novosad.



Food Drive at Cabana Tan

The food drive at Cabana Tan wrapped up on December 18, with a bang. Customers were asked to bring in an item of non-perishable food, for the Helping Hand Food Bank - and to receive a ballot for a chance to win prizes, donated by Ward 6 Councillor James Iedue, Bradford Skin Clinic, and Victoria Bourque Beauty Boutique. At least 3 boxes of food were collected during the food drive, but it was the final gift from the Ironworkers Union that provided the icing on the cake.

Cabana Tan owner Jayne Contois was delighted to accept a cheque for \$500 from Ironworkers Local 721 (Toronto), presented by husband Marc Contois, a member of the union for 25 years. The couple's son Zach is now a second-generation member of the Ironworkers.

Owner of Cabana Tan, Jayne Contois with husband Marc - and generous cheque.

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Year-end message from the Warden

A year of achievement, at the County

It's hard to believe that Christmas and New Year's Eve are here.

There will be holiday gatherings over home-cooked meals, and quality time spent with family and friends. It's truly a wonderful time of year in the County of Simcoe.

2013 was a busy year for County Council and staff. I am proud of our many accomplishments and look forward to monitoring how our programs and services will benefit residents for years to come. Here is a quick look back at some of our major highlights from 2013.

• **The Simcoe County Food and Agriculture Charter Steering Committee** members, organizing partners, elected officials and key stakeholders announced the completion of the Food & Agriculture Charter. This important Charter supports our commitment to the food and agriculture sector in Simcoe County. These recommendations will help improve local food security and promote our local food and agriculture across Canada.

• **The County helped make the transition for newcomers to the region easier** by launching immigration.simcoe.ca. This online portal allows newcomers to search for various support services throughout the County. We are also proud to have hosted the first-ever Newcomer Recognition Awards, to recognize individuals, businesses and groups that positively impact the lives of immigrants in our region.

• **In the spring, the County of Simcoe updated its waste collection services.** The new contract serves more than 137,000 locations in Simcoe County, and has resulted in \$2.1 million in savings in its first year while increasing services overall. In subsequent years, the County anticipates \$2.8 million in savings per year. Improvements have not been made to our waste diversion services that will help limit our impact on the environment, and improve the life

cycle of County landfills.

• **County Council is committed to supporting programs that work towards providing a sustainable environment and habitat for future generations.** As such we are proud to have approved the Green Fleet Action Plan in 2013 - a five year plan to guide the County's efforts to reduce its carbon footprint and emission outputs by all County vehicles.

• **Arts and Culture play an important role in our communities.** With this in mind, County staff conducted a regional Cultural Study, to determine how we can best support arts and culture in our member municipalities. The study will be used to implement future programs across the region, and promote tourism and economic growth.

• **County's vision for a state-of-the-art, Seniors Lifestyle community for our residents became reality in 2013** as the Georgian Village campus in Penetanguishene opened its doors this fall. Georgian Village is a legacy project that will serve our residents for generations to come, and meet the growing needs of our aging population.

As this is the season of giving, and helping those who are less fortunate, it would be remiss if I didn't mention the development of our 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy. The Strategy is currently being reviewed for approval; once implemented it will guide our social housing services and programs for the next decade.

We have had a wonderful and eventful 2013. We look forward to building on our achievements and implementing projects approved in our 2014 County Budget in the New Year.

On behalf of County Council, I wish you a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year.

**Cal Patterson, Warden
County of Simcoe**



From left, Dave Marley and Mike Elines of the Cookstown Agricultural Society present \$1000 bursaries to Caryn Oulton of Alliston, and Heather Rose of Gifford; Dorothy Lange accepts a \$1000 bursary on behalf of her niece, Maddie Partridge. The bursaries were presented August 23 at the 2013 Barrie Fair. The Cookstown Agricultural Society, after selling its Cookstown Fairgrounds to the Town of Innisfil, has used the proceeds of the sale to support 4-H. In addition to a 4-H Fair, held at the Barrie Fair in 2013, 4-H members who plan to pursue a post-secondary education can apply for the annual bursaries.

letters to the editor

Barrie Fair thank-you

To the editor: The 160th edition of the Barrie Fair was launched with a celebration that brought together past presidents, directors and General Managers of the Board of Directors of the Essa & District Agricultural Society; local dignitaries including Essa Mayor Terry Dowdall and representatives of neighbouring municipalities. Speeches, presentations and cake-cutting were enjoyed by all.

The Fair had fair weather all five days in August - days packed with 4-H shows, Holstein Shows, Jersey Shows, Angus Shows, Herefords, Draft Horses, Hunter/Jumper shows, Hackneys, Sheep, Rabbits and Caves. Homecrafts once again exhibited the best of local arts and crafts, flowers, baking, quilts and photography.

And at its location at the Essa Agriplex, attendance was double that of 2012.

Visitors enjoyed entertainment by True Country, The Desotos, County Cloggers, Mo Vint and the Debbie Becham Duo at the Beer Tent, which was staffed by the Knights of Columbus. The Knights also served up food, and ran a 50/50 draw, with the proceeds going to charity. Congratulations to the winner of a Kindle e-Reader, Dave Courts.

Children visiting the fair enjoyed the Campbell Amusements midway, the face-painting, the entertainment and displays, and especially the petting farm. Vendors sold everything from Chocolate, to wind spinners - and special attractions included horse pulls, mini-pulls, a demolition derby, the Farm Olympics, and an exciting show by the Central Ontario Tractor Pullers Association. The Agricultural Society would like to express

its sincere appreciation to all of the Fair volunteers for their contributions and support, and will be seeking the ongoing support of its community of volunteers, not only with the Barrie Fair, but future endeavours at the Essa Agriplex.

Redesign of the horse rings is almost complete, and the final touches are underway, to the Grand Prix and Annex Rings - and the facility will be available for special events; see www.essaagriplex.ca to find out more about rentals.

And coming up in 2014 - The International Plowing Match will be taking place, Sept. 16-20, in the area, and the International Plowing Match Association will be utilizing the Agriplex facilities. See www.plowmatch.org

**Barrie Fair, Essa & District
Agricultural Society**

January is Crime Stoppers Month

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka was established in 1967.

Operated by a volunteer Board of Directors, Crime Stoppers offers a cash reward of up to \$2000 for anonymous tips that lead to an arrest, recovery of stolen property or seizure of illicit drugs - partnering with Police to create safer communities.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has proclaimed January as Crime Stoppers Month. There will be a flag-raising of the Crime Stoppers flag on Jan. 3 at 11 a.m., at the Bradford Court House.

Committing Random Acts of Kindness

Sometimes it's the little things that make the difference - those small acts of kindness that can brighten a day, and reverberate, creating a positive atmosphere.

Inspired by the Random Acts of Kindness Foundation, two students in the Challenge and Change program at Bradford District High School launched their own Random Acts of Kindness campaign, coming up with a list of 20 Acts of Kindness.

Ghazala Naseer and Jazmine Fejlo started by handing out free donuts at their school. They gave away muffins, Timbits, handed out free "compliment cards" and put up compliment posters, made breakfast for their families, held the door open for strangers, bought someone lunch - and handed out "care bags" to people on the streets of Toronto, filled with warm winter clothing and blankets provided by Project Lamb.

"They also spread the word, persuading their school to proclaim "Kindness Week," November 25-29, and challenging other students to commit random acts of kindness.

"We wanted to make some sort of difference," Ghazala and Jazmine said.

"It was special for us to know that we could have potentially made someone's day better because of something we did that took little to no time at all," added Jazmine. "It just goes to show how being nice does not take much effort at all."

"They created a paper chain, with each link in the chain describing an Act of Kindness performed by a student at BDHS. It stretched from one end of the school to the other, along the longest hallway, before being hung up in the foyer - with almost 5,500 paper links.

"It's mainly acknowledging that people can do good things," said Jazmine.

A video of their effort can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDIEdXajT9c



Ghazala, left, and Jazmine, with a paper chain recording random acts of kindness at BDHS.

Into the New Year @ the Bradford Library

Free Storytime sessions are offered at the Bradford Library - a half-hour of songs, stories, and more, offered weekly for a 6 week period. Registration begins on January 8 for: **Babytime for Creepers** (ages 4 to 12 months) - Thurs. or Fri. from 9:45 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., starting Jan. 23 or 24. Songs, knee-bouncing rhymes, simple board books. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. **Babytime for Walkers** (12-24 months) - Thurs. or Fri. from 10:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., starting Jan. 23 or 24. Children must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. **Tales for Twos** (ages 2 to 3 years). Weds., 9:45-10:15 a.m. or 10:45 -11:15

a.m. starting Jan. 22. Children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver. Stories, songs, rhymes, craft or activity. **Storytime** (3 to 6 years). Weds. or Thurs., 9:45-10:15 a.m. or 10:45-11:15 a.m., starting Jan. 22 or 23. Children under 4 must be accompanied by a parent/caregiver. Stories, songs, rhymes and a craft or activity. Register by phone at 905-775-3328 ext. 6114 or 6119, or in person at the Library, 425 Holland St. West.

Drop-in LEGO Club meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the Month, 4 to 5 p.m. in the Green Room. Free - all ages welcomed! Enjoy the Library's LEGO Collection! Jan. 7 and 21.



On Dec. 11, BNI Ontario Central North donated books on Business Networking to the Bradford Public Library. Front, from left, Kurt Stahle, owner of the BNI franchise, and BNI members present books to Milt Calder, and Library CEO Liz Fenwick.

Christmas Tree Collection

All municipalities through the County will now receive bi-weekly Christmas tree collection in January. Consult your 2014 Waste Management Calendar, or the waste collection calendar tool at simcoe.ca to determine your collection week.

- Christmas trees must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.
- Collection will occur during the week; not necessarily on your garbage day.
- Remove plastic tree bags, decorations, and stands.
- Maximum size 2 m; if longer, cut into smaller sections.
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TOWN COUNCIL

Members of the public are invited to attend all Council, Committee of the Whole and other Committee meetings. Meeting dates, times, and agendas are available from the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com. For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole – Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.

• Tues. Jan 21 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Seniors Housing Committee

• Wed. Jan 15 @ 7:00 p.m. - SSP, 81 Melbourne Drive, Junkman Room

Active Transportation Meeting

• Thurs. Jan 16 @ 7:00 p.m. - 425 Holland St. W., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

Committee of Adjustments

• Wed. Jan 22 @ 8:30 p.m. - 425 Holland St. W., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

Heritage Committee

• Mon. Jan 27 @ 7:30 p.m. - 425 Holland St. W., BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

PROCLAMATIONS

That his worship Mayor Doug White and Council Preamble:

January 2014 – Crime Stoppers Month

A flag raising will take place on Friday, January 3rd at 11:00 a.m.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CO-OP/SUMMER STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is now accepting applications for the following positions:

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A complete description of job duties, qualifications and application instructions for these positions can be found on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the Employment Opportunities section; or at the Towns Human Resources office as listed below.

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We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, personal information is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act*, and will only be used for candidate selection.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.

NOTICES

TAKE NOTICE that the Town Administration Centre will be closed for the Christmas holidays Tuesday, December 24th, 2013 to Wednesday, January 1st, 2014. Regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will resume on Thursday, January 2nd, 2014.

On behalf of the Members of Council and staff we wish you and your family a happy and safe holiday.

Early Notice of Nomination for Office

Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (s. 32)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Nomination Period for the 2014 Bradford West Gwillimbury Election opens on **January 2, 2014**.

Nomination Papers and Candidates' Guide for the following offices can be found at:

Administrative Centre, 100 Dissette Street, Bradford
OR
Town's web site www.townofbwg.com

- 1 MAYOR (Elected at Large)
- 1 DEPUTY MAYOR (Elected at Large)
- 7 COUNCILLORS (1 Councillor Elected for each Ward)

- 1 TRUSTEE English Language Public District School Board
- 1 TRUSTEE English Language Catholic District School Board
- 1 TRUSTEE French Language Public School Board
- 1 TRUSTEE French Language Catholic School Board

Note: Confirmation of the number of school board trustees and municipality for filing nomination papers has yet to be determined. Please contact the Clerk for more details.

Candidate filing fees are as follows:

Mayor	\$200.00
Deputy Mayor and Councillors	\$100.00
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Fees must be paid by cash, certified cheque, money order, debit or credit card.

A nomination must be certified by the Clerk before such person becomes a certified candidate for the office to which he/she is nominated. No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for the purpose of the election or incur campaign expenses until that person has filed a Nomination Paper with the Clerk.

Please visit the Town's web site at www.townofbwg.com for ongoing election information.

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Survive the Holidays - Watch the Holiday Spirits

While the holiday season can be one of the most festive times of the year, it also can be one of the deadliest.

The fact that fires have occurred in a number of cities across the province shows that fires can happen anywhere, at anytime. Many fire deaths are caused by people attempting to cook while under the influence of alcohol. You need to be prepared to protect your family and home.

It's the law in Ontario to have working smoke alarms on every storey and outside all sleeping areas in your home. Installing and maintaining working smoke alarms can provide you with the early warning you need to escape a fire. Failure to comply with the smoke alarm law can result in a ticket for \$235 or a fine up to \$100,000.

But the best way to protect your family and home from fire is to prevent one from starting in the first place. Here are a few tips to ensure that you safely enjoy the holiday season...

1. Avoid cooking if you are under the influence of alcohol. Ensure that the stove is off before going to bed.
2. Keep a close eye on any drinkers in your household and make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished.
3. Cigarettes can smolder among upholstery cushions for hours before igniting. Check sofas and chairs for cigarettes that may have fallen between the cushions.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire Department knows all too well how quickly celebrations can turn to tragedies when you forget to include fire safety in your holiday plans. Consider these simple tips to ensure your family has a safe and happy holiday.

There's more to responsible drinking than taking a cab. Don't put yourself or family at risk of fire.

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100 DISSETTE ST. UNIT 4 / 6
PO BOX 100 L3Z 2A7
905.775.8368

ENGINEERING
306 BARRIE ST. UNIT 2
PO BOX 419 L3Z 2A9
905.775.8368

FINANCE
61 HOLLAND ST. E.
PO BOX 180 L3Z 2A8
905.775.8368

FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES
75 MELBOURNE DR.
PO BOX 1229 L3Z 2B5
905.775.7111

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LEISURE SERVICES
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905.775-3359

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NOTICES

DEPARTMENT OF LEISURE SERVICES HOLIDAY ICE TIME AVAILABLE

Contact Teresa Fairbairn at
Call (905) 775-2162 Ext. 5202



HOLIDAY HOURS OF OPERATION

December 24:	6:00 am – 11:30 pm
December 25:	CLOSED
December 26:	8:00 am – 4:00 pm
December 31:	6:00am – 1:00 pm

Family First Night
December 31, 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

January 1: CLOSED

TO ALL RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS FOR ROADWAYS WITHIN BRADFORD WEST GWILLIMBURY COME INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 1ST, 2013

Bradford West Gwillimbury By-law 94-047, Section 6.2 (e) as amended, is in force and effect, which does not permit parking on any Street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1st to May 1st of the following year, save and except for the following roads:

Holland Street West to Holland Court,
Holland Street East to Nelson Street,
Simcoe Road South to John Street; and
Barrie Street North to Centre Street.

Of which the no parking regulation will be between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Also be advised that the Stopping of vehicles on Sidewalks within Bradford West Gwillimbury is prohibited.

Don't let a parking ticket ruin your day!

Your NEW Utility (Water/ Wastewater) Bill is coming soon...



The Town of Bradford received the Final Billing summary data from PowerStream on November 29, 2013. The Town's Finance Department is currently working on updating and verifying the B,681 municipal supplied water & wastewater billing accounts that have been taken over from PowerStream on December 1, 2013. The verification and update of the data is nearly completed and we hope that this effort will help to minimize billing issues that may arise in the future. This detailed review has resulted in a number of corrections to the data provided by PowerStream resulting in time well spent to ensure a greater level of accuracy with the Town's first run of utility bills.

There has unfortunately been a recent unforeseen software issue with the billing program that needs to be resolved before any bills can be produced. Our IT department has been working diligently with our software supplier to resolve these problems.

In an effort to provide better customer service to our users, we now plan to send out bills in early January rather than in December due to the office closure during the Christmas holidays. In short we want to be able to answer any questions that our users may have subsequent to receiving their first utility bills from the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Who do I call with questions regarding my water meter?

- Water Department, 305 Barrie Street, at 905-778-2055 extension 2100, Monday to Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm with any water meter questions or to schedule an appointment.

For after-hours emergencies please contact South Simcoe Police at 905-775-3311.

Who do I contact with questions regarding my Utility (Water/ Wastewater) bill, or to set up a Utility (Water/Wastewater) account?

- Utility (Water/Wastewater) Billing Department, 61 Holland Street East, at 905-775-5303 extension 3108, Monday to Friday, from 8:30am to 4:30pm, at or by email at utility@townofbwg.com with any water billing questions.

Continue to watch for more information on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury's NEW Water Meter Reading and Billing System by visiting our website at www.townofbwg.com or follow us on Twitter and "like us" on Facebook.

Your cooperation through this transitional phase is greatly appreciated.

COMPETITIVE BIDS

RFP #: P-13-145

DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BACKGROUND STUDY Closing: 2:00 pm Thursday January 9th, 2014

Proposal documents may be obtained by registering for this opportunity on-line on the Town's Website as follows:
www.townofbwg.com/tvmsnr/purch/compbidopp

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Bradford West Gwillimbury

FAMILY FIRST NIGHT

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At the Leisure Centre

2013

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FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES
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PO BOX 1220 L2E 2B8
905-775-7311

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471 WEST PARK AVE.
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905-775-7141 (T089)

LEISURE SERVICES
125 BRIDGE ST.
PO BOX 261 L2E 2A8
905-775-3388

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2045 LANE 11
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A political campaign, run on fun and Gingerbread!

The Gingerbread houses on display in the front foyer of W.H. Day Elementary School were proof that Jessie Popovich is one politician who keeps her promises.

Jessie and her Grade 5 peers attended the Local

Government Week Open House at the Bradford West Gwillimbury Leisure Centre on October 24, as part of their Civics studies.

They came back to school, and decided to hold an election, for Grade 5 President.

Candidates had to be voted in by their classmates, then run a campaign to win the votes of Grade 5s in other classrooms. There were polling stations, ballots, polling clerks - "It was a real election," Jessie says.

Her platform: a promise to "add more fun to the school year" by encouraging bake sales as fundraisers for charity, sales of candygrams, and the creation of Gingerbread houses or villages, by each class.

Students worked on their gingerbread creations during the "100

minute block" in the middle of the day - and on the final day of classes before the Christmas break, December 19, each class got to take back their Gingerbread village and eat it.

Jessie, a student in Mme. Burbridge's class, isn't sure how long her term of office will last - but notes that the Grade 5s will continue to look at governance, including the role of Cabinet, in the new year. She just might end up being president until the end of the school year.

HEAR FOR THE HOLIDAYS



Spending time with family and friends is one of the greatest joys of the holiday season.

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This holiday, you will be able to **HEAR** the punchline of a joke, a grandchild's song, a son's travel story or a daughter's new job experience. Today's digital technology allows easy adjustment to the world of hearing. Book your complimentary hearing test, call **HEARING SCIENCES** and prepare to be amazed. Time is limited to receive your hearing instruments before the holidays.

HEARING SCIENCES
Audiology and Hearing Aid Centre

57 John Street West, Bradford
905-778-2002



Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Jessie was elected Grade 5 President at W.H. Day Elementary School, after running on a platform that promised more fun in school - and she has delivered.

NEW YEAR'S
2014

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*Per person, per night, double occupancy. Minimum 2 nights + tax.

Family First Night Fun

The Innisfil Public Library hosts a **Neon Year's Eve Party** for kids, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on December 31, at the Lakeshore Branch on Innisfil Beach Road. Balloons, bubbles, noise-makers, party hats, dancing, and a beach-down at noon! Open to all ages - drop in!

Looking for a family-friendly New Year's Eve? The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury hosts **Family First Night Celebrations** on Tuesday, December 31, from 6 to 9 p.m. The free event includes Leisure swimming and skating at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave., bouncy castles and strolling entertainment, balloon animals, live music, hot chocolate courtesy of Tim Hortons - and the grand finale of a Mini-Fireworks display at 9 p.m.

Free activities begin at 6 p.m. and wind down at 8:30 p.m., when guests are invited to step outside, to be entertained by David Cavan Fraser and Special K in Sunshine Square, south of the Leisure Centre, followed by fireworks.

Tim Hortons First Night Celebrations, December 31 at the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Dr. in Newmarket, from 5 to 9 p.m. Horse-

drawn wagon rides, KidZone with bouncy castles and crafts, free skating and swimming, free rides on the Tim Hortons Express train, entertainment - and at 9 p.m., the Grand Finale of Fireworks! Free family event.

The City of Barrie hosts its **Downtown Countdown**, from 7 p.m. on December 31 to 12:15 a.m. on January 1, at City Hall. The 16th annual Countdown includes free skating at the City Hall Circle, horse-drawn wagon rides, face-painting, food vendors, and live entertainment - starting at 7 p.m. with children's entertainers Splash 'n Boos, followed by Children's fireworks show at 7:45 p.m. Then the entertainment continues with *Swaying Tuesdays*, and headliner *Big Wreck* - and New Year's Eve fireworks at midnight. Barrie Transit offers free service from 6 to 9 p.m.

Innisfil Community Events Corporation (I.C.E. Corp) presents a **Family New Year's Eve Skate and Fireworks** at the Innisfil Recreation Complex, December 31 at 5 p.m. Skating, free food, Door prizes, and fireworks in the parking lot at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$2 for children under 12.

Registration

Bradford School of Dance Christmas Show



Bradford School of Dance held its annual Christmas Show at the Bradford Public Library on December 7, in front of a Standing Room Only audience. Here, the Novice Jr. Musical Theatre Class performs "What's This?" from The Nightmare Before Christmas, and delighted the crowd.

Weight Loss Challenge in the New Year

Equilibrium Lifestyle Management Canada Inc. (eLifestyle) wrapped up its first community-wide online weight loss challenge in December - and is already gearing up for its next Get Fit BWG challenge, which begins Monday, January 6.

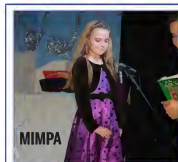
Sign up any time at www.GetFitBWG.com or drop in to the Bradford Public Library multi-purpose room at 425 Holland St. West on Thursday, January 2, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. There will also be a free Yoga class at 10 a.m., and another at 8 p.m. The success of the first Challenge, which began in September, has boosted enrolment - and resulted in donated prizes for the second challenge, valued at nearly \$1,500.

Randie Hanlan, who won the second Grand Prize after achieving an amazing 12.6% weight loss in the first challenge, said, "The Get Fit BWG Weight Loss Challenge has helped me achieve goals I haven't been able

to achieve with any other weight loss program. I love that the program is science-based, and there are no gimmicks. eLifestyle's program gave me the tools to lose weight in a healthy and sustainable way." She has already signed up for January's Challenge.

eLifestyle offers mobile fitness programs and wellness initiatives delivered to homes, cottages, condos, companies and resorts, across Ontario. Programs are tailored to the fitness goals of participants.

"Weight loss or healthy weight management is usually one of the biggest obstacles an individual faces, where a change in overall health is needed. That's why our online program is designed with ongoing education, realistic and customized menu plans containing whole food, and most of all... a real-time support group to ensure goals are reached," says company president Leah Epstein. See www.elifestyle.ca for details.



Music in Motion Performing Arts held its Christmas Recitals, December 14 and 15 at the MIMPA Studio space at 150 Artesian Industrial Parkway in Bradford.

Young voice, instrumental and musical theatre students performed on stage - like Lily, at left, who sang Jingle Bells in front of a capacity audience. For more information on upcoming classes and productions see mimpa.ca

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DANCE CLASSES!

Jump, twirl and leap! Join our fun, engaging and inspiring dance classes this January!

Saturdays

January 18 - March 8, 2014

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1:15 - 2:00 p.m. - Ages 6-8

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January 2014

Online Weight Loss Challenge

A community fitness initiative

Sign up online or in person on Thursday, Jan. 2 at the BWG Public Library from 10am-8pm

FREE Yoga classes January 2 @ 10am & 7pm

FREE Workshop: Setting and keeping New Year's resolutions January 2 @ 8pm

Over \$1500 in Prizes! Check out

www.GetFitBWG.com for full details

Sign up online or contact:

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community listings

MEETINGS

SOUL SURVIVORS: A Cancer Support Community meets the 1st Weds. of the month at Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30

p.m. For cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer - a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short complimentary service of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Graves, 905-775-2200.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church

1468 Steeles St., Bradford,
905-775-3731
Sundays 10:30 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStrien
www.springdalecna.net

Newton Robinson United Church

97 & Gore, 10 Tecumseh,
Service 8:30 a.m.
Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 68 west of Hwy. 27
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available

Trinity Anglican Church

62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Services 9am & 10:30am
Sunday School, 10:30am
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanbradford.com

St. John's Presbyterian

2540 - 10th St. (between
(8th Line & Midwestern St.)
905-775-7274
Sunday Services 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery provided.
aj@stjohnspresbyterian.ca

Bradford Alliance Church

758 Simcoe Road, Bradford
Midweek Sunday Service
Mid Week Home Groups
Monthly Men's Breakfast
905-778-0068
www.bradfordalliance.ca

St. Michael's Ukrainian

Orthodox Church
721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford
Bilingual Services
Liturgy Sunday & Feast
Days 10:00 am
Prast 905-775-0105

St. Catherine of Alexandra

Catholic Church
(Brampton Hill)
16 Haven St., Bradford, Service (Catholic):
9:30am (African), 11:30am (English)
905-775-8262
info@stcatherineofalexandra.org

Holland Marsh Christian

Reformed Church
18835 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth & adult programs
Rev. Richard Bodd
905-775-7261
E. hollandmarsh@rogers.com

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-9412
Sunday Service:
10:00 a.m.

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church

167 Essa St., Bradford 905-775-2005
Masses
Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m.,
11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Contact
www.holymartyrs.ca
1/2 hour before Sunday mass.

Bradford United Church

66 Barrie St.,
905-775-7268
Service - 10 am
Sunday School & Nursery
Available
www.bradfordunited.org

St. Paul's Anglican Church

Colborne's Hill
(NW corner of Colborne's Hill
& 4th Line)
Sunday Service at 10:00 am.
Sunday School at 9:30 am.
289-321-3253

Bradford Community Church

Mid-week small group
905-778-0028, based on the St. Peter's
of the 411 & Concession
Sunday Services: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - Birth to 3 yrs Children 4-12 yrs

Riverside Bible Chapel

905-836-1798
60246 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
1:00 pm Afternoon Service
7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

Bradford Baptist Church

3254-10th St.
2 km north of Holland St. W.
9 am - Portuguese Service
10:30 am - English Service
10:30 am - Kids Program (ages 3-6)
Mid Week Youth Program & Portuguese Ministry
905-775-5706
www.bcbcw.ca

The Baha'i World Faith

905-551-2219
www.Baha'i.org

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.org, al-anon.org, or call 1-888-444-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 6th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre, 7:9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org. All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club has a weekly Bingo, Mondays 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund-raising receptions and cabbage rolls sale every Sat. and Sun. 12 to 4 p.m. info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: Meets 7:15 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: There is a new support group that meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgmental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Meets Mondays at the Ontario Years Centre-Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St. 1 to 3 p.m. Child-care available; call the centre at 905-775-3339 ext. 229 on the Friday before.

YOUNG PARENT PROGRAM AND MOTHERCARE/NEXT STEP: The Young Parent Program for pregnant and parenting youth under the age of 25, held at the Ontario Years Centre in 118 Barrie St. in Bradford, is CLOSED for the holidays, from Mon., December 15 - reopening on Monday, January 6, 2014. The MotherCare/Next Step programs for pregnant and parenting women with children up to 2 years of age, which also meets at the Ontario Years Centre, will be CLOSED starting December 19, reopening January 8, 2014.

TUES., DEC. 31

FAMILY FIRST NIGHT IN BWG: from 6 to 9 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre, 471 West Park Ave. in Bradford. Free leisure swimming and skating, bubble castles, strolling entertainers, balloon animals, live music and hot chocolate provided by Tim Hortons. At 8:30 move outside for live entertainment by David Cowan Fraser and Special K, in Sunshine Square, followed by a Mini Fireworks Show at 9 p.m.

TIM HORTONS FIRST NIGHT: At the Magna Centre, 800 Mulock Rd. in Newmarket, 5 to 9 p.m. KidZone, Bouncy castles, horse-drawn wagon rides, entertainment, crafts - and family fireworks at 9 p.m.

INNISFIL PUBLIC LIBRARY NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY: All ages party at the Lakeshore Branch on Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Balloons, bouquets, noise-makers, dancing, and a countdown at noon!

BARRIE'S DOWNTOWN COUNTDOWN: Barrie City Hall from 7 p.m. to 12:15 a.m. on Jan. 1. Horse-drawn wagon rides, free skating at the City Hall Circle, food vendors, live entertainment on the stage - starting with children's entertainers. Splash 'n Boots at 7 p.m.; headline is Big Wreck. The 5 Fireworks at 7:45 p.m. - New Year's Fireworks at midnight. Free!

ICE CORP. FAMILY NEW YEAR'S SKATE: Innisfil Recreation Complex, starting at 5 p.m. Skating, food, door prizes, followed by fireworks in the parking lot at 7 p.m. \$5 adults, \$2 children under 12.

WEDS., JAN. 1

PRESIDENT'S LEVEE: At the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. in Bradford, 1-3 p.m. Meet and mingle with the President and Executive. Free refreshments. **SKATE WITH INNISFIL MAYOR CIL:** At the Innisfil Recreation Complex from 2 to 4 p.m. Free. The YMCA is also offering free swimming.

PRESIDENT'S LEVEE AT THE LEANES: All are invited to attend, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre.

SUN., JAN. 5

MPP JULIA MUNRO'S NEW YEAR'S LEVEE: All are invited to attend, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the BWG Leisure Centre.

SAT., JAN. 11

SPAGHETTI DINNER FOR TAYAH'S FAMILY: At the Bradford Legion Hall, 115 Back St. in Bradford, 5:30 p.m. Spaghetti, Caesar Salad, Dessert - \$20, \$10 for children under 12. A fundraiser for the family of Tayah Fairbrother. Silent Auction! Tickets available at dan3991@csdcs.on.ca or 905-788-0809 or call Rachel, 289-264-6651.

TUES., JAN. 14

YORK SIMCOE NATURALISTS MEET: At River Drive Park Community Centre, 20 Oak Ave. in River Drive Park (off Queensville St. north of Holland Landing), 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker is Gail Lerters, of Shades of White Wildlife Refuge, on rehabilitating injured and orphaned native wildlife. Refreshments - lug a mug. For info see www.facebook.com/YorkSimcoeNaturalists

SAT., JAN. 18

HOCKEY DAY IN BWG: At Bud Brown Park in Bond Head, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tie teams will compete on outdoor rinks, the Bud Head Lions Club will serve up a pancake breakfast and BBQ lunch.

Winter Wonderland

Winter Wonderland Christmas Lights display at Newmarket's Riverwalk Commons, 200 Duo Duncan Drive, nightly to January 5, from 6 to 9 p.m. Includes free rides on the Tim Hortons Express train, Dec. 27-30, and Jan. 2-5, weather-permitting.

Museum's Winter Solstice Day Camps

Simcoe County Museum, 1151 Hwy. 26 (north of Barrie) offers Winter Solstice day camps for kids ages 6 to 12.

Whimsical Winter Camp - Thursday, January 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Outdoor activities, free tobogganing, snowman-building, and indoor activities, including the Star Lab.

Winter Olympics - Friday, Jan. 3, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Kids are Olympians for the day - snowshoe races, snow snake competitions and more.

Cost is \$23 per day for Museum members, \$26 per day for non-members. Pre-register. For more information or to sign up, see museum.simcoe.ca or call 478-728-3721.

Hockey Day In BWG

Winter came early this year - and the date of Hockey Day in Bradford West Gwillimburgh has been shifted forward to Saturday, January 14 at Bud Brown Park in Bond Head. From 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tyke Hockey teams from BWG, Beecanville and Schomberg will be competing in the city's great sport of hockey, playing on outdoor rinks created by volunteers. The Bond Head Lions Club will serve up a pancake breakfast, and later, a BBQ lunch. For more information, email info@hockeydayinbwg.ca or call 905-775-5359 ext. 5102.

Glow Bowling Night

Hwy. 11 Cruisers Car Club host a Family Glow Bowling Night at Stellar Lanes, 1220 Sheppard Ave. E. in Newmarket, on Saturday, Feb. 15, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m., \$22 per person. Tickets must be purchased by Feb. 3, 2014. Call Danny, 416-722-4840 or Mary, 416-889-1608.

Sports

Micro-Works Major Curling

The Micro-Works Major Curling League has a new location and time this year for its matches, featuring some of the area's top competitive curling teams. The League plays Wednesday nights, at 6:45 and 9 p.m. at the **Stroud Curling Club** in Innisfil. See <http://microworkscurling.ca>

Results for Dec. 18: **Game of the Week** - Al Corbell's Calcia Calum - 6, Bob Dumond - 4, in a tight game that went down to the last shot in the eighth end, when Calcia pulled out the victory. Al Corbell now has 6 wins and 3 losses, Bob Dumond is 0 and 9.

The Peellers/Comco

Canada (Sarah Picton) - 6, Saputo Bakery Inc./Roys Enterprise (Wylie Allan) - 5. Allan's rink has 5 wins, 4 losses; The Peellers are 2 and 7.

Comco Canada/Drc Chris-Schell Optometrist/Ray's Driving School (Andrew Thompson) - 8, Caesarstone Canada (Bob Armstrong) - 3. Thompson is tied for 1st in the standings with 8 wins, 1 loss. Armstrong is 3 and 6. BMC Construction/A. McAfee & Assoc. Insurance (Willie MacPherson) - 7, Cal's Gals - Cal Accounting (Heather Graham) - 3. MacPherson has 6 wins, 3 losses; Graham is 4 and 5. Shot Rock Shop (Bill Irwin) - 6, Dominion of

Canada Insurance Co./Bunn-o-matic (Phil Loevenmark) - 4. Irwin has 8 wins, 1 loss; Dominion is 4 and 5.

Moen Sports Technologies/Cynor (Cory Heggestad) - 9, Blue Cross/Moen Sports Technologies (Gregg Truscott) - 3. Heggestad has 5 wins, 5 losses. Truscott is 3 and 6. I.C. Salmon Charters/Danalogix (Don Campbell) - 6, Roy's Enterprise (Jennifer Allan Roy) - 2. Campbell is 4 and 5; Roy is 2 and 7. ReThredz (Ken Leach) - 6, Paul Sadlon (Gayle McKenna) - 5. Leach has 7 wins, 2 losses and sits in the top 3. McKenna is 6 and 3.

Next game - January 8.

BDHS Adopt-a-Family Hockey Game

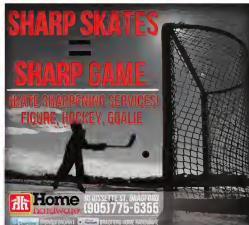


Above, teachers score on the rebound. Below, Student team on the bench.

Bradford District High School home rooms have each adopted a family this Christmas, through the Helping Hand Food Bank - raising funds and purchasing age-appropriate gifts for members of each family.

To help raise funds, the Student Council organized a Student-Teacher Hockey game, December 18 at the BWG Leisure Centre. Students could get out of class to watch the game for a \$2 donation to the cause.

The Teachers were first on the scoreboard, and eventually won 4-3.



Kris Kringle Basketball Classic



The South Simcoe Basketball Club held its inaugural Kris Kringle Christmas Classic on Saturday, December 21 at the BWG Leisure Centre.

The event included a Co-ed Small Ball Skill Challenge for kids 5 to 7 years of age, that saw the young players show off their passing, dribbling and throwing skills in front of an audience of parents and siblings - and play a brief "Small Ball" game.

Timberwolves, Thunder, Warriors and Wizards demonstrated how far they had come since the launch

of the Club, earlier this fall. The players of the future then had an opportunity to visit with Santa, before the bigger kids took the floor.

The Under 10 and U16 South Simcoe Sonic Boys each played a game in OBA action, while dancers from the Bradford School of Dance provided the half-time show.

It was a showcase for the SSBC, as well as a fundraiser, to help support two families at Christmas - and it was fun for players and parents alike.

Above, Justin meets Santa. At right, taking aim.



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Obituaries Obituaries

FAIRBROTHER, Tayah Jade - Peacefully passed away after a courageous battle with cancer, and with family at her side at the Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto on Tuesday, December 17, 2013. Tayah Fairbrother of Bradford at 5 years of age. Beloved daughter of Mark and Candice. Loving sister of Drew and Leah. Cherished granddaughter of Cathy and Nick Wasielewski; Maurine and Paul Fairbrother. Dear niece of Graham (Laura), Jason and John (Colleen). Dear cousin of Wilhelm. Best friend of Lily Patti. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for visitation. Funeral Mass was held at the Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, 167 Esna St., Bradford on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Martyrs Cemetery, Bradford. In Tayah's memory, donations may be made to the Tayah Fairbrother In Trust Account.

Our little angel, Tayah, has her wings now and can fly freely in Heaven.



Careless driving

On Dec. 17, at 3:39 p.m. a Dodge Caravan was eastbound on Big Bay Point Rd. near 25 Sideroad in Innisfil. A Honda CRV, also eastbound on Big Bay Point Rd., pulled onto the shoulder, and made a U-turn into the path of the Caravan, resulting in a collision. The driver of the Caravan and his passenger were both taken to hospital in Barrie, with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Honda, a 54-year-old Midland man, faces charges of Careless Driving, under the Highway Traffic Act. Anyone who witnessed the collision is asked to contact Investigating officer, South Simcoe Police Constable Warren Harris, at 705-436-2141 ext. 1485.

Following too closely

South Simcoe Police were called to a motor vehicle collision on Bridge St. (Yonge) north of Canal Rd. on Dec. 18, around 3:30 p.m. The driver of a northbound Ford Focus had slowed down to turn in to the Tim Hortons store, when the vehicle was rear-ended by a Dodge Pick-up truck, also northbound. The driver of the Ford received minor injuries and was treated at the scene by Paramedics. The driver of the pick-up truck, a 44 year old Innisfil woman is facing a charge of Follow Too Closely, under the Highway Traffic Act.

Fail to Yield to traffic

On Dec. 15, around 10:30 a.m., South Simcoe Police were called to a collision on County Rd. 27 and the 6th Line BWG. A Honda CRV driven by a 60 year old Toronto woman was westbound on the 6th Line, and stopped at County Rd. 27 - but then pulled out into the path of a northbound Toyota Yaris, driven by a 66 year old Toronto woman, resulting in a collision. Paramedics were called; both drivers were treated at the scene. The driver of the Honda was charged with Fail to Yield to Traffic.

Drunken vandal

On December 19, South Simcoe Police were called to Blue Dasher Drive in Bradford West Gwillimbury, where a man was observed by residents, pulling the front and rear windshield wipers off several vehicles. Police were dispatched and located the vandal - who was intoxicated. The 51 year old Bradford man, who damaged 6 vehicles, spent the night in a holding cell at the police station, and was charged with 6 counts of Mischief under \$500.

Lock it or Lose it!
A reminder from Police: lock vehicle doors and windows, and never leave valuables in plain view. Lock them in the trunk, or take them indoors.

In the spirit of Christmas

A family tradition...

by Stefan Spiroff, Co-op Student

My family Christmas traditions are some of my earliest and fondest memories. As a child, I would impatiently wait for the Christmas season to arrive. I would receive double the gifts because my birthday falls on Christmas 5th.

Christmas is such a magical time of year; a joyful atmosphere surrounds our hectic lives at this time, as people focus on spending time with their loved ones.

My family Christmas gatherings are no exception. My mother is one of eight siblings, so one can imagine how difficult it is to squeeze nearly 70 people into 1 house for Christmas Eve dinner. On the flip side, my father has only one brother, and our gatherings consist of no more than 10 people. Even so, I have great Christmas memories from both sides of my family.

My Mother's family get-together was held at my grandmother's house here in Bradford until I was about 12, when her home became just too small to entertain the entire party. My best memories are of playing silly games with my cousins, who are all about my age. I have roughly 25 first cousins on my Mom's side. We would run around the house, hitting each other with pillows and couch cushions, until my grandmother would pull out her sandal and threaten to spank us with it. For dinner, we would all gather in my grandmother's basement, and sit at really long tables that stretched from one wall to the opposite wall.



Sharing Holiday memories

Stefan Spiroff, Co-op Student

Presents, candy canes, jolly carols and snow-covered roads - what makes the Christmas season so magical?

Phillip Spiroff, 12, says that the most exciting part of Christmas is the mystery behind each present under the tree. "My favourite part of Christmas is shaking all of the presents before Mom and Dad let me open them."

Fifteen-year-old Christian admits that he still feels the excitement of Christmas morning. "Christmas is the only day when I'll wake up early, love going downstairs and seeing all of the presents under the tree. It's so exciting."

Adults tend to view Christmas in a different light. It's more about the priceless reactions from their children when they open their presents, and about family.

"I love our family gatherings, and seeing all my cousins who I don't see very often. We have a huge meal every year, and we'll always have a great time." - Melissa Barney, 19 year old college student.

"When I was little, I was one of nine children. There wasn't a lot of money for my parents to spend on gifts for Christmas, so we would each receive a pair of new pajamas. We learned to appreciate the pajamas and we were overjoyed and grateful for them. I also remember playing a Christmas candy game with my brothers and sisters. We would grab a bag of candy and pour it in the centre of the circle of players. They would then roll a dice that was covered with different messages. Some of these messages

One year, there was a table that was set half way inside of the bathroom, because we were short of space; that explains why we had to re-locate our Christmas gatherings.

Christmas dinner usually consists of every type of meat imaginable - along with vegetables, my grandmother's famous rice with carrots, and her trademark potatoes; the typical Portuguese holiday meal. For dessert, cake, cupcakes, cheesecake, Portuguese custard tarts, and more sweet treats. Later in the evening, my cousins and I gather around the TV and just hang out for hours. We had a lot more energy when we were kids.

My mother's family is Portuguese, my father's background is Macedonian.

My Dad's father was born in Macedonia, and immigrated to Canada at age 10. There are only 10 to 14 of us at my Dad's family gatherings, and I usually end up playing ping-pong or football with my 17 year old cousin Michael and 23 year old second cousin Justin, before dinner.

My Dad's Christmas meal is not as grand as my mother's side - but it still consists of a traditional Christmas turkey with mashed potatoes, veggies, and breads. For dessert, my family members and I take part in a classic Macedonian tradition, in which we bake a tonie into pie-like dish, called 'Zelnic'. We'll slice up the spinach and cheese 'Zelnic' and whoever bites into the piece with the tonie wins. After dinner, we gather around the Christmas tree and we have a gift exchange, while watching the Leafs play during 'Hockey Night In Canada'.

included "Take one candy," "Put one back" or "skip a turn." Whoever loses all their candy is the winner and will win all of the candy. We would often have an extra bag of candy on the side for those who were left candy-less. It was so much fun! Every Christmas Eve we also attended midnight mass at Church. I encourage everyone to make sure that their children are aware of Christmas' religious meaning. We must remember that the original purpose of Christmas is to celebrate the Nativity (birth of Jesus Christ). Toni Cristomato

"Every year my parents and I watch the movie, 'The Christmas Story,' on Christmas Eve. My mother is really obsessed with that movie. So obsessed that she dragged us to the movie theatre to watch the special edition of it last December." - Jillian Turecek.

Veteran Bert Hogg grew up during the Great Depression, and has no real memories of a childhood Christmas. It was a difficult time for the family of 7 children, as it was for so many Canadians during the 1930s. "If the rent went up one or two dollars, we'd have to move. We didn't have money." All the same, he says, "We had a lot of fun together as a family... we made our own fun."

And he does remember getting the Christmas boxes, handed out by the Toronto Star. "It had a sweater, I think long stockings, an orange and an apple, and a sucker." But Christmas then, and Christmas now? "There's no comparison."



Miriam King photo, Bradford Times

Donations at Scotiabank - from left, Laura Maloney, Food Bank's Anne Silvey, Kirstin Maule, Aneta Malarski, Margaret Hachem, and Stephanie Bloomer.

In the spirit of Christmas giving

The Helping Hand Food Bank in Bradford handed out Christmas Hampers and toys for children on December 20, to families who registered for Christmas assistance.

But before the families, couples and individuals began arriving at Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church around 6 p.m., Food Bank co-ordinator Anne Silvey was busy picking up donations of food, clothing and cash, all around Town.

One of her stops was the Scotiabank Branch in Bradford, where a food drive and "Trim the Tree" fundraiser - customers could buy a tag for \$1, a small Christmas ball for \$2, or a large ball for \$5 - filled boxes with non-perishable food and collected \$200 for the food bank.

"We are so blessed," said Silvey. "We

have had a really blessed Christmas," with continuing community support.

The food bank had 380 open files in 2013 - each file representing an individual, a couple or family. A total of 451 children were among those relying on the Helping Hand Food Bank, Silvey said.

"We're so glad we could help," said Scotiabank's Kirstin Maule. "This is definitely an eye-opener, to see how many people use this."

An ice storm hit Bradford on Friday afternoon, making driving and walking treacherous by nightfall - but recipients still managed to collect their Christmas cheer, with help from Food Bank volunteers, Town Taxi, and all who donated to this year's food and toy drive.



A row of Raggedy Anns and Raggedy Andys, by crafter Marion Van Dyke, at Bradford Valley Specialty Care long term care centre's annual Christmas Bazaar, November 30.

Below, icy roads contributed to a fatal collision on County Rd. 27 north of Schomberg, on Dec. 21. Photo by Paul Novosad, Freelance
At right, snow plows, sanders and salters had an early start on Saturday, but found it impossible to keep up with the freezing rain and drizzle.
Below right, Bradford resident Rick Yeates scrapes the ice off his vehicle in the morning. "I'm from northern Ontario, I'm not used to rain in January," said Yeates. "I like it cold." Photos by Miriam King, Bradford Times



Bradford on ice

ICE, from Page 1
man was killed instantly. His two year old grand-daughter, a passenger in the vehicle, was safely secured in a child seat, and was not injured. The continuing storm hampered investigation, and the roadway remained closed until the early morning hours of Dec. 22.

Vehicles and trees were encased in ice, driveways and town roads were transformed into skating rinks - literally, in one YouTube video. South Simcoe Police are advising motorists to be prepared for winter weather, and poor driving conditions. They are recommending that drivers install 4 winter tires, to provide maximum traction and control in snow, slush and ice.

Motorists are also advised to slow down, leave plenty of room between vehicles - and remember that bridges and overpasses will tend to ice up more quickly, and stay frozen longer.

Always carry a winter survival kit in your vehicle - a blanket, water, granola or chocolate bars, extra clothing, waterproof matches, a candle, flashlight, small snow shovel, traction mats or kitty litter.

And bottom line, listen to the weather reports. If the reports are calling for bad weather and warning of poor driving conditions, think about staying home, unless the trip is really necessary.

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